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**TO:** Commission on EMS

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**SUBJECT:** [EMS Authority Progress Report](#)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive information on the EMS Authority.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

The EMS Authority Progress Report provides the status of the Authority's projects. The following is additional information on issues the Commission has expressed interest in knowing about.

**EMT-I Regulations**

California Fire Chiefs Association brought to our attention a problem they are having with the EMT-I Regulations. The Regulations contain a provision that restricts the ability of a public safety agency to recertify their EMT-I's to those individuals who complete a refresher course verses the completion of CE. This provision was overlooked during the recent revisions to the EMT-I Regulations.

EMSA will be sending a letter to the LEMSA's outlining the problem and explaining that this was not the intent of the EMT-I Task Force or EMSA. A revision needs to be made to the EMT-I regulations. EMSA is in the process of hiring a new BLS coordinator and will not be able to make the revision until the position is filled.